

TRAFFIC JAMS ADD TO CITY FIRE PERIL

Chief Kenlon Warns Merchants—Urges Fewer Vehicles in the Streets.

APPARATUS ABANDONED

Men Forced to Quit Engines and Trucks to Fight Flames.

After returning to Fire Headquarters from a fire at Broadway and Leonard street that did \$50,000 damage last night, Chief John Kenlon declared that the city had passed through its most dangerous period of fire hazard yesterday afternoon. Streets were so blocked with crisscrossing trucks and other vehicles, he said, that it would have been impossible in case of a great fire to get the apparatus through. "If merchants only realized what the menace has been to life and property," said Chief Kenlon, "they would voluntarily keep their vehicles off the streets until conditions have improved. At least they would not load their trucks so as to make breakdowns likely. Tremendous losses in life and property are threatened by the impossible condition of traffic. The hazard is greatest in the Third Battalion district, between Canal and Fourteenth streets, West Broadway and Bowery.

Warns of Great Danger.

"The danger will continue for several days unless the warning to keep trucks off the streets is heeded. Fire apparatus simply cannot get through."

As it was, apparatus responding to the fire at Broadway and Leonard street ran into traffic jams and was abandoned, while crews seized extension ladders and ran aloft to the fire. This was the case also in a fire occurring half an hour earlier at 145 Spring street, directly to the rear of Engine 13's house in Worcester street.

Chief Kenlon's record showed the Spring street fire did \$10,000 damage. Several persons were rescued from the sixth and seventh floors of the building, and that was due principally to the nearness of the building to the engine house. Of the other apparatus responding to the alarm the fire record shows this:

Truck 20, at Mercer street, reached Spring street, jammed in traffic, and was abandoned while the crew ran on to the fire five blocks away carrying two thirty-five foot ladders.

Engine Stopped by Traffic.

Engine 55, Broome street, halted by traffic after proceeding a few blocks in Broadway and unable to continue.

Truck 3 reached Broadway and Spring street but could not get through traffic and the crew abandoned the apparatus and ran forward.

Responding to the alarm at Broadway and Leonard streets, Engine 20, at Forster street, and Engine 13, Wooster street, became stalled and were left by their crews.

The building at 321-323 Broadway, at Leonard street, was being remodelled into a six story loft building and was unoccupied. Formerly it was used as a

restaurant by John Dowd. The fire was one of the most spectacular seen in Broadway in months. Three water towers and hose lines put out the flames in an hour.

EX-PATROLMAN IN TROUBLE.

Charged With Carrying Revolver and With Felonious Assault.

Former members of the Police Department have no more right to carry pistols without having a permit than other citizens. This was brought home to Richard Dillon of 456 Brook avenue, formerly a patrolman attached to the Rockaway station, yesterday when Magistrate Nolan held him in \$500 bail in the West Side court for examination on a charge of violating the Sullivan law. Bail of \$2,000 was demanded on an additional charge of felonious assault.

NEW "CORONER'S COCKTAIL."

Chicago Man Killed, Dosed III, from Nitro-Benzol.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—A new "coroner's cocktail" was discovered to-day after it had killed one man and made a dozen others seriously ill. Forty more cases of poisoning now in the county hospital are believed to be traceable to the same source.

William D. McNally, coroner's chemist, has analyzed the new "drink" as nitrobenzol, a deadly poison, and it was traced by coroner's investigators to a paint shop. Coroner Hoffman ordered the arrest of the paint shop proprietor, James J. Sullivan, 3052 West Taylor street, died of poisoning Monday. It was found that he had imbibed some of the nitrobenzol. A man was found staggering from the paint shop with a bottle of the fluid in his pocket. The proprietor said he thought the liquid was denatured alcohol.

Edwards Boomed in Nebraska.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. OMAHA, Feb. 11.—The Gov. Edwards for President Club of Nebraska to-day started a statewide campaign to win the State for the New Jersey Governor. Petitioners were placed in circulation in every Congress district in the State and the directors of the club announced that the expectations are that the necessary number of signatures will be secured before the end of the week.

Hamburger Barred in Navy.

BOSTON, Feb. 11.—Hamburger steak will not be bought for the men of the navy hereafter, "because there are so many opportunities for introducing low grade products," says an order issued to naval supply officers to-day. The dish may still be served, but only when prepared as directed in the order.

SNOW GIVES WAY TO GARBAGE MENACE

Accumulation of Refuse Which Defies Truck Facilities Is Peril to Health.

SURFACE CARS MOVING

13,000 Men Aided by Mild Weather Progress in Clearing the Streets.

The accumulation of snow in New York's streets is slowly disappearing under the combined onslaughts of the sun and the forces of Arnold B. MacStay, Street Cleaning Commissioner, but the much, garbage, ashes and other matter which has not been carted away is mounting to serious proportions.

Although efforts have been made since the second or third day of the snow to remove garbage, at least, the force of men has been inadequate for the task, and the horses and carts assigned to the work have failed because of the difficulty of getting to the refuse through the piles of snow and of carting it through streets made impassable not only by snow and ice, but by jams of helpless trucks and wagons.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, said yesterday that there was no immediate danger to health in the presence of the garbage and other refuse, but was anxious that there be no further delay in disposing of it. He advised private individuals having trucks to cart away their own waste to the city dumps for the period of the emergency.

He added that Commissioner MacStay had told him that as many men as could possibly be spared were at work on garbage removal.

New York's streets appeared to be in the worst state in many years yesterday. The beautiful white snow was no longer beautiful or white, and piled upon the dunes and mounds along the sides of streets and avenues were deposits of the refuse of apartment houses, stores and factories. Here and there a fire blazed, giving off odors which rivaled those wafted to Riverside Drive by Jersey factories.

13,000 Street Cleaners.

The army of snow fighters yesterday numbered 13,000 men, of whom 2,500 are regulars. Only 1,100 carts or trucks were available, and this handicapped proceedings considerably. Among the points attacked were the south side of Delancey street, from the Bowery to the bridge entrance. This section was closed to vehicles, as was Lafayette, from Astor place southward.

A letter from James H. Scarr, meteorologist, was cited yesterday by Commissioner MacStay to indicate what a soft snap Hercules had on the August 27 twenty-three inches of snow fell in New York and 4.45 inches of sleet and rain. This is not only a snow removal, but an ice removal, job, the Commissioner said, that it is doubly difficult.

The weather yesterday was mild which was a source of great relief to the snow fighters, who know that a cold snap will double their labors. "There is so much loose water in the streets that there is danger of the whole mass of snow becoming rigid as iron in cold weather. Continued mildness is promised for to-morrow.

painful job of cleaning the underground channel rails of the street car lines both the Third avenue and New York Railways companies announced further extensions of service yesterday. The Third avenue company reported red cars moving on the 125th street line, the Fifty-ninth street line, the Grand street line from Broadway to the East River, the Amsterdam avenue line from 157th street south to 125th street, thence across town to Third avenue and down to Sixty-fifth street. One rail is open on this latter line south of Sixty-fifth to Forty-second street. Tenth avenue is open from Seventy-second to Forty-second street. Battery cars are running in Broadway from Seventy-second street south to Columbus Circle, and the company hopes before morning to have it open as far as Times Square.

Green cars are running on Lexington avenue from Ninety-ninth to Twenty-third street, on the Broadway-Seventh avenue line from Fiftieth to Houston street, and the Sixth avenue line from Fifty-ninth to Thirty-second street.

Taxi Drivers Raise Fares.

Commissioner of Accounts David Hirschfeld said yesterday he had received complaints from persons who have recently been outrageously overcharged by taxi drivers. Some being forced to pay \$5 for a ride of less than a mile. He said all cases in which complainants will appear will be heard and the licenses of the offending chauffeurs cancelled.

Mayor Hylan issued another appeal yesterday to heads of city departments requesting them to secure volunteers to help on snow removal during the next two or three days. Nicholas J. Hayva, Commissioner of Water, Gas and Electricity, offered his entire outside force of several hundred men.

Brooklyn saw the unusual sight of a huge steam shovel scooping snow in St. John's place. The B. R. T. forces carried away the snow on flat cars or dropped it into sewers. Every B. R. T. line is now normal, it is stated.

Agitators were blamed yesterday for the action of 800 snow shovellers in the borough across the bridge who quit work last night when their demand for more pay was refused. They were dissatisfied because contractors' men were getting 25 cents to their 20 cents an hour. Police have been detained in some sections to prevent agitators from approaching men working in the streets.

SOUTH AMERICA AND EAST TAKE U. S. GOLD.

Japan, China and Argentina Receive Bulk of Exports.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—South America and the Far East absorbed the bulk of the exports of gold and silver from the United States during the year 1919, the Department of Commerce announced to-day. Japan, China and Argentina received the greatest part of the gold sent out of the country, and China and India the major portion of silver exports.

Of the total gold exports in 1919, which amounted to \$268,135,245, Japan took \$94,114,183. China, including Hong Kong, \$73,245,728, and Argentina \$56,560,000. The flow of gold to those countries was explained, department officials said, by shipments of silk and tea from Japan, silk and vegetable oils from China, and beef and hides from Argentina to the United States, heavily overbalancing American exports of manufactured goods.

Silver sent out of the country during 1919 totaled \$239,021,051, of which India received \$100,180,715, and China, including Hong Kong, \$87,525,718. That demand, officials explained, was due to the extensive use of silver coins as ornaments in India and the silver stand in China.

SONG OF WORKERS AIDS SNOW MOVING

Patrick J. O'Ryan's Musical Squad Treats Hotel Through While Cleaning Streets.

Patrick J. O'Ryan, an ardent admirer of John McCormack, and a bit of a musician himself, is accomplishing in many ways than one. For example, he is an expert street cleaner. Snow in great heaps is more of a joy than a problem to Patrick, who is one of the city's most successful street cleaning foremen.

Here is the secret of his success. He demands that every man on his force sing an Irish ditty as he shovels and scoops away the piles of snow. It may be "My Wild Irish Rose," "Mother Macchree," or "The Wearin' of the Green," but it must be sung if the man employed by him is long to remain in work. It makes for speed and efficiency, he says.

It was a perfect symphony the sojourners living on the north side of the Plaza Hotel enjoyed yesterday as Patrick and his singing brigade shoveled and sang their way westward in Fifty-ninth street. As the afternoon wore on, hundreds stopped to listen. An old Irishman would stop his song Patrick would wave his hands wildly and demand: "Kape it up, you quitter, kape it up." And "kape it up" he would.

Only one incident marred Patrick's perfect day. Along toward quitting time one of Patrick's workers drifted into a tune that smacked of Italian grand opera. Patrick, realizing for the first time that he had an Italian in his cast, grew angry at first, then smiled, and said:

"Sing grand opera if you want, Tony, but listen—yes gotta sing in ractime. That Metropolitan stuff won't get this snow cleaned up for a month."

Arrivals at the Hotels.

Commodore—Robert Barner, Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boland, Syracuse; F. W. Forbes, Boston; T. J. Puchan, Chicago; F. Twombly, Montreal.

Baltimore—E. H. Clark, Rochester; H. J. Rowland, Rome; N. Y. M. H. Cloten, Jackson, Miss.; P. D. O'Neill, Boston; Major W. T. Collins and H. W. Stewart, Chicago; T. H. Stone, Houston.

Murray Hill—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bartlett, Omaha; N. Y. M. and Mrs. S. N. Wilson, Rochester; G. F. F. O'Brien, Washington; H. M. Rupp, Albany; A. H. Gifford, Lowell, Mass.

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Sent Wilson Turkey, Fined. COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 11.—In sending President Wilson a wild turkey S. B. McMaster, a local sportsman, violated a State game law and was fined \$10.

Says Women Dragged Him.

Ferdinand Robin of Montreal caused two women to be held in the West Side court yesterday on charges of grand

larceny after he had complained to the police they dragged him and robbed him of \$212 and a scarf pin worth \$900. The women gave the names of Mrs. Marie

Alonso, who said she was an actress, and Mrs. Jane Finlay. Magistrate Thomas J. Nolan held each in \$1,500 bail for the Grand Jury.

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APPEAL FOR FOOD FOR CHILDREN

The distressing economic conditions prevailing in Germany and the urgent need of assistance, especially for under-nourished children, are well known.

In a recent statement, Mr. Hoover, Chairman of the American Relief Administration, European Children's Fund, said:

"The vital statistics as to mortality and morbidity of German child life are sufficient evidence, aside from the personal knowledge I have, as to the actual nutritional situation amongst children."

Mr. Hoover has arranged with the Society of Friends, represented by the AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, Philadelphia, to undertake the extension of the work they are already doing in Germany, and to furnish up to next July transportation, both railway and overseas, which is estimated to represent about twenty-five per cent. of the delivered cost of the food. Mr. Hoover will give this service, as well as act as purchasing agent, WITHOUT CHARGE, for all foodstuffs handled through this organization. This will facilitate the quickest possible dispatch of foodstuffs and, perhaps most important of all, it means that every dollar this committee pays over will insure the delivery in Germany of a dollar's worth of breadstuffs.

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I have read this appeal and approve it, and strongly urge all charitable people to contribute to this cause through the above mentioned committee.

(Signed) RUFUS M. JONES, Chairman,
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